



We Need Your Support!

The Eldredge Public Library strives to meet the informational, recreational, and cultural needs of Chatham residents and visitors, and it continues its historical tradition as a free public library, providing professional and exceptional customer service, exemplary materials, resources, and programs, current technologies, meeting space, academic support, and opportunities for community connection and public discourse in a safe, inclusive, and neutral setting.

About 40% of the operating budget comes from private funding sources which are comprised of individual donations, contributions from our endowment fund, Friends of the Eldredge Public Library, memorial donations and other sources. The library receives approximately 60% of its funding from the Town of Chatham.

The generosity of donors enriches the collections and services of the Eldredge Public Library. Your gift to the Library is very much appreciated.

Annual Fund

Our yearly Annual Fund Campaign brings in the largest portion of individual cash donations. Your donation to the Annual Fund goes directly to our operating expenses which include library books, databases, and all other materials, staff, utilities and more. Donations to the Annual Fund can be made online or by sending in a donation form with a check.

Increase your donation by asking your employer if they match charitable contributions for 501c3 corporations.

Gifts to the Endowment Fund

Library founder Marcellus Eldredge and his brother, Heman Fisher Eldredge, started our Endowment Fund to “be used for defraying current expenses of the Library” and the principal to be kept “forever intact.” Our Trustees have maintained that commitment. They have wisely invested our endowment funds to a healthy reserve and have set a withdrawal policy that balances a goal of sustaining the account while also meeting the operating needs of the library.

There are several ways to contribute to the Endowment Fund:

- Cash donation
- Gift of Stock
- Gift of Real Estate or other Property

Library Director Amy Andreasson is happy to refer you to a member of the Trustee Development Committee who can assist you, or your tax adviser, in considering various ways to benefit the library. A gift to the endowment fund will give you the satisfaction of knowing that the income from your gift will help to keep the Eldredge Public Library financially stable, and available to grow and enrich the lives of Chatham's citizens and visitors into the future.

Special Donations

Memorial and Honor donations to the Eldredge Public Library are a meaningful way to pay tribute to the memory or honor of an individual, living or departed. Monetary donations can be made through our website, or by sending a check, payable to "Eldredge Public Library." Please contact the Development Coordinator Sara Nicolai at 508-945-5172 if you have questions.

Library Information

Eldredge Public Library
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We are a 501(c)3 charitable organization: tax exemption number 04-6064571
For stock donations, please contact the Library Bookkeeper Mary Lancot at 508-945-5172 for wiring instructions.

For more information on supporting the Eldredge Public library, please contact Amy Andreasson, Library Director, at 508-945-5170 or amyandreasson@clamsnet.org

Expert advice is critical to a successful giving plan. Please consult with your lawyer or financial adviser before donating.